

REMARKS

This Amendment supplements the Amendment filed August 10, 2009. As set forth in the preceding section, claims 1, 44 and 45 have been amended according to a telephone interview conducted with Examiner Doan on December 10, 2009. No new matter has been added by way of the amendments.

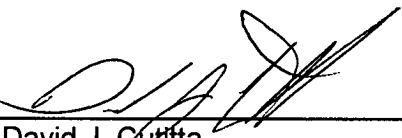
Claims 1, 2, 3, 5-12, 44 and 45 are pending and under consideration. Claims 1, 44 and 45 are independent claims. Applicant requests reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the current amendments.

If there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters. Any additional fees associated with the filing of this Amendment may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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